

City of Melbourne  
Regular City Council Meeting  
August 8, 2022  
7:00 at Melbourne Rec Center

Melbourne City Council met in regular session on August 8, 2022 at the Melbourne Rec Center. The library basement was unavailable and clerk posted change of venue. Council members present were Gaege Bracy, Gary Fricke, Carrie White and Beth Smith. Hauser was absent. Also present were Mayor Cynthia Mansager, Clerk Mary Pothast, Beth Opperman, Troy Underhill and Dolores Ficken. Mayor Mansager called the meeting to order at 7:00 and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion to approve the consent agenda made by White, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fricke. Vote was all ayes. There were no public comments.

In building permits, Brian and Laura Juel of 104 5<sup>th</sup> Street submitted a permit for a garage. Desiree McClain at 310 1<sup>st</sup> Street submitted a permit for a shed. Both were within allowable limits per ordinance. Motion to approve by Fricke, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bracy. Vote was all ayes.

Mayor opened public hearing for a variance at 501 Main Street for a garage to be built 5'11" from the property line vs 7'. Clerk called builder Travis Grammar to answer some questions for the mayor and council. Neighbor Dolores Ficken had no problem with the variance. After much discussion, the public hearing was closed. There was a motion to deny the variance but approve the permit for a 7' allowance as per ordinance. Motion to approve the 7' spacing by White, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Smith. Vote was all ayes.

Public hearing for budget amendment was opened at 7:16. Clerk listed the transfers of existing funds for the amended expenses and added revenue from donations and second tranche of ARPA funding. Hearing was closed at 7:20. Motion to approve the amendment Resolution 22-08-03 made by Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by White. Vote was all ayes.

Public hearing was opened at 7:21 regarding changes to the Golf Cart/UTV ordinance as required by the passing of HF 2130 passed into law July 1. There was discussion as to the wording and the Mayor asked to table it until the September meeting so she and Council could look over it more closely. The public hearing was closed at 7:25. No further action taken on this matter.

In new business, the fire department requested that \$10,000 be taken from the Local Option checking and put into savings for a better interest rate. Motion to transfer the funds made by Fricke with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bracy. Vote was all ayes. Resolution 22-08-01 was passed. Clerk presented a request that some money be transferred from an amount donated to the city (\$8766.07) with no specifications for its use. The mousehole replica cost considerably more than originally anticipated to construct. The fundraised amount available was \$16,013.57. The Mousehole Days Committee donated an additional \$5000 from their funds. The total bill was \$23,296.18, leaving them short \$2,282.61. Proceeds of additional sales of bricks will pay that \$2282.61 back and then be set aside for maintenance of the structure. Motion by White, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fricke to use the donated anonymous funds for the balance per Resolution 22-08-02.

A resignation from the Park and Rec Board was submitted by Theresa Daters, who has served for over 15 years. A huge thank you from the Council and Mayor for her years of dedicated service. Mayor Mansager appoints Morgan Frederick to the seat by Resolution 22-08-04. Motion by White, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Smith. Vote was all ayes to approve.

Clerk also distributed the resignation/retirement letter from Chief Mike Ball effective August 31, 2022. A thank you to Chief Ball for his years of service to the City. Mayor Mansager will do an inventory of items with Chief Ball prior to his leaving of weapons, etc. so they can hand over the assigned weapons to the County for the meantime. Finding a replacement or going with Marshall County or other entity were the next topics. Mayor had spoken with Sheriff Joel Phillips and the cost is \$62.50 per water meter annually. It is how they count populated households. The cost would be approximately \$19,375.00 annually. Mayor Mansager called on Troy Underhill, councilman from LeGrand, who said that they use the County's services for some questions. He stated they have a minimum of one patrol per 8 hour shift, always at a different time. They have been happy with their coverage. Council and Mayor would like to start a search for a replacement, keep the car and weapons and move forward from there. The County will be contracted with in the interim to provide coverage. Clerk is directed to locate the last ad we used and get feedback on it, as well as contact ILEA for any suggestions.

In old business, a public hearing is set for September 8 for the flood plain ordinance. It was received back too late from the state to include for publication this month. A revised quote for seal coating came in from Manatt's. Council seems more interested in setting a time to speak with InRoads about their process than sealcoating at this point. Request a time be set for winter for them to attend a meeting.

The College Hills property is on a wait and see basis with no further action to be taken by the city. A work day will be scheduled for the property cleanup. In regards to the wall at 102 Main Street, the surveyors said the property line comes directly between the two walls. Steve Fields has arranged for two companies to give him estimates on the situation. The City will give him until the next meeting to before moving forward.

Clerk asked if they had any comments regarding Mousehole Days. Some feedback members had gotten were: something to do downtown for families immediately following the fish fry; a kickball tournament Friday night; nag drag possibly Friday night; holding the craft market immediately following the parade. Things seemed to go smoothly and Council thanks Dee Pickard and the committee for all their hard work. The slowpitch tournament run by Logan Daters was a success as well as the fish fry, Mason's breakfast and the food trucks downtown.

In department questions, Fricke asked about the washout areas on Butler Street and the metal piece on the road on 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Clerk will contact the owner of the adjoining property about the metal and pass on suggestions to PW.

Motion to adjourn made by White, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Smith. Vote was all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

EXPENSES: GENERAL \$62,262.35, ROAD USE: \$66,125.52, EMP BENEFITS \$1685.87, LOST 1<sup>ST</sup> RESP \$21.33, WATER \$11,117.07, SEWER \$8721.00: TOTAL \$149,933.14.

REVENUES: GENERAL \$8319.68, EMP BENEFITS \$316.34, EMERGENCY \$4.12, WATER \$23,042.99, SEWER \$17,046.49. TOTAL: \$48,779.62.

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